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ARADI, Zsolt  
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Garry Massimo ZOMBORY

18 March 1954

R.I. 29-4-5-1381, dated 30 October 1953, is an uncaptioned report dated 13 January 1953, indicated that a confidential informant disclosed that one, Zsolt ARADI, possible Voice of America, New York, a Hungarian, is a personal friend of the Pope having access to many personalities in the Vatican, was employed by this Agency during and after the war and was to receive citizenship for his services. Subject believed associated with Vatican Intelligence.

R.I. 100-131-16-389, dated 11 December 1953 is a memorandum from [ ] [ ], International Organizations Division to Director of Security, CIA, dated 10 December 1953, requesting a type #1 category investigation be conducted on one Zsolt ARADI. (NFI).

R.I. File [ ] [ ] #EEOA-15960 contains a routing and record sheet dated 4 May 1953, with the following typed comments by [ ] "Believe I know this man as well as anyone in the Agency. Although talented and versatile in the literary field, he is definitely not to be trusted in affairs involving the expending of sizeable sums of money. He is not an honest person. Subject is known to [ ] [ ], Mr. HELMS, [ ] [ ] and many other senior members of the agency."

The same file contained a cable 44964 (Pull-171) dated 5 October 1949 indicating that from an unspecified source an ostensible agent of Military-Political Section Hungarian Home Ministry is in contact with one, Zsoltan ARADI in Italy. ARADI in Rome from 1948 to 1949.

Also in the above numbered file is a newspaper clipping from the New York Times dated 26 May 1949. The clipping indicated that Akos ZOMBORY, an Hungarian writer, wrote an introduction for the book "Cardinal Mindszenty Speaks".

R.I. File [ ] [ ] contains a face sheet dated 4 December 1947, Accession # MHB-A-2272 regarding one ARADI, Zsolt. Officer's initials B.B.L. gave his opinion regarding the Subject. "Regarding future employment, think he can be useful, particularly as a contacts and liaison man however his (Subject's) projects must always have supervision, since he tends to run a bit off course on his own."

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R.I. File [ ] contains numerous memoranda regarding Subject's attempt to obtain visas for himself and family shortly after VE day, and of his attempt to obtain citizenship in this country. Subject's close association with U.S. interests had rendered him persona non grata to the Hungarian Government after the cessation of hostility and action in that country.

R.I. [ ] contains an Intelligence Dispatch dated 13 September 1945, from Rome, Italy, file #JEM-209, Subject being Hungarians in Italy, source being AE-751. The dispatch indicated that Zsolt ARADI, was one of the original organizers of a "Free Hungarian Movement", and had approached the Allied authorities obtaining permission to organize same.

R.I. File [ ] contains an Intelligence Dispatch dated 2 March 1945, which is a government memorandum for Mr. SHEPARDSON from Roger A. PFAFF, Acting Chief, I-2, Branch, in which one Zsolt ARADI was indicated as being one who appeared to constitute a major threat to SI-CE Security, and Lt. Colonel PFAFF, stated it would serve SI interest to bar ARADI from having "access to SI-CE files and plans, including those referring to the Daives and Day Missions."

R.I. File [ ] contains an intelligence dispatch dated 14 February 1945, to Saint Washington from Saint Caserta, Subject being Hungarian Nationals in Italy and Central Europe. One, Zsolt ARADI, was kept under close surveillance by the OSS security branch due to his successful penetration of same.

R.I. File [ ] contains an Intelligence Report dated 30 October 1944, prepared by the OSS regarding OSS Bari Operations and its relationship to the Committee of Free Hungarians in Rome. In the summary of the report, paragraph 4, British security agents reported the following one Zsolt ARADI. "In view of his close connection with APOR and SZASA, we consider that he should be regarded as unsuitable for employment in the British Service". They indicated that ARADI's relationship and his close affiliation with APOR to whom he divulged information. This, in the British Security Service "constituted a disgraceful breach of security and ought to be fully investigated."

R.I. File [ ] contains an Intelligence Dispatch regarding ARADI, Zsolt, Paul KOVACS and MAGYARY, dated 26 August 1944 and sent to Lt. Commander G.G. Parry Jr., USNR, Security Officer from Frank FORTUNATO, Captain, Security Officer. This dispatch stated that the above named men, MAGYARY, KOVACS and ARADI were recommended by the Security Office, OSS for Security Disapproval. No other pertinent information was available.

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R.I. File [ ] N 3899, dated 23 November 1953, an intelligence report dated 25 January 1944 regarding Monsignor Francesco LUTTOR and certain C.E. Aspects in the employment of Hungarian Nationals in Italy and Central Europe, from J.J.I. and EN 140 HNS. Subject, Zeolt ARADI, Ex-Franc Attaché at Hungarian Legation at the Vatican given limited security approval by OSS Bari Security Office on 7 August 1944. On 1 September 1944 ARADI given complete security disapproval. ARADI had intimate association with LUTTOR, known pro-fascist and also close to Szant, another potential leak of operational information. (NYI).

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